THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) The issue of pricing of gas for various uses all over the country is under Government's consideration.

तेल निकालने, उसकी खोज करने तथा पाइप लाइन बिछाने के लिये ठेका

2810. **श्री जगदंबी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या पट्रोल और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन विदेशी कम्पनियों को तेल निकालने, तेल की खोज करने तथा तेल पाइप लाईन बिछाने के लिए कितनी-कितनी राशि के ठेके दिए गए तथा उनके पते क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस कार्य के लिए किसी देशी कम्पनी को योग्य नहीं समझा गया ; और

(ग) जिन देशी कम्पनियों ने इस कार्य के लिए अपनी निविदाएं भेजी थीं उनके नाम व पते क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जायेगी।

Generating capacity of State Electricity Boards

2811. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed and of defective capacity of the State Electricity Boards on the 31st March, 1985; and

(b) the steps contemplated by Government to maximise the performance of units by updating technology and by refresher training to the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) State-wise installed generating capacity as on 31st March, 1985 is indicated in the Statement I attached. The plant load factor of thermal stations of various State *Electricity Boards during April-November*, 1985 is given in attached Statement-II.

(b) A number of measures are being taken to increase generation from the existing thermal generating capacity. These measures include:—

(i) Extensive renovation and modernisaion programme of existing thermal power stations under a Centraliy Sponsored Scheme;

(ii) Training of operation and maintenance staff for upgrading their skills and knowledge;

(iii) Introduction of Modern methods and techniques in the areas of operation, maintenance, inventory control and overall management of power stations;

(iv) Proper planning and timely execution of works pertaining to annual overhaul|capital maintenance jobs; and

(v) Improvement in coal quality.